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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated September 9, 2005 for which the one-month shortened statutory period for response has been extended to two months (i.e., until November 9, 2005) by the Petition submitted herewith.

Remarks

The Examiner has requested an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following inventions:

Group I - (i.e., Claims 1-16),

drawn to a patterned polymer, classified in Class 428, subclass 195.1; and

Group II - (i.e., Claim 17-35),

drawn to a method of making a patterned polymer, classified in Class 427, subclass 492.

In response to the Examiner's request, Applicants elect Group I (i.e., Claims 1-16) for further prosecution herein. Although the foregoing election is made without traverse, Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected